

## Volunteers Take First Steps In Sustainable Trails Initiative

by Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll



PHOTO BY KEVIN CARPENTER-DRISCOLL

Volunteers, from left, Evan McClelland, Natalie Bailey, Bryan Bruns and David Eubanks stop to admire their hard work.

The morning of Saturday, November 6 broke cool and crisp with some of the first frost of the fall accumulating on windshields and across the ground. The cloudless sky and bright sun quickly dispelled the chill lingering in the calm air and provided

the perfect weather for working outdoors. Ten volunteers gathered that morning by the James N. Wolfe Softball Fields to work with the Department of Public Works staff to perform general trail maintenance tasks as part of the new Forest Preserve Trail

Maintenance pilot program. This program was developed by the Forest Preserve Advisory Board and approved by city council to improve trail conditions and address safety and sustainability issues along a limited portion of trails in the Hamilton tract of the Forest Preserve.

The group began by constructing a small trench to allow water to drain from the trail when it rains. With this new drainage feature, trail users should have safer and less muddy conditions. The group then divided and tended to different trail sections. The first group headed to the Pumpkin Walk section to brush over trails, close unauthorized trail segments and improve drainage on the downslope side of the trail. The second group moved further up the Eastway trail to address erosion issues by installing a rolling grade dip along the trail. This

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## The Eclipsed Beaver Moon Shines Bright, Weird and Red

by Amy Hansen

Early morning on Friday, November 19, the Earth starting passing between the Sun and the Moon, putting the Earth's shadow on the moon; in other words, there was a lunar eclipse.

For those watching, the slight dimming started at close to 1 a.m., but not until almost 2:30 was the shadow really definite. At 4 a.m., the Earth's shadow covered 97 percent of the moon and the real show began.

The lunar eclipse of the Beaver Moon, as this full moon is called, was not just a light show in black and white. The moon looked like a dark bite was taken out of it, until the eclipse became almost total. Then the Moon turned a rosy red, as the light from the Sun bent around Earth (and went through Earth's atmosphere) before reaching the Moon. Basically, lunar eclipse watchers saw all of the world's



The November 19 lunar eclipse is seen from 1 Gardenway. Photos by Glenn Harris



sunrises and sunsets projected onto the Moon for the duration of the near total eclipse.

The next near total lunar eclipse will be on May 16, 2022.

### Editorial

## The News Review Gives Thanks

As the News Review celebrates its 84th birthday on November 24 and Thanksgiving on November 25, we take time to reflect on what we are thankful for. First of all, we are grateful to live in a city whose administrators and residents care for those less fortunate than many of us. We donate to the funds set up by the city to assist residents facing eviction or financial hardship, and help pay monthly co-op fees for GHI residents in need. We contribute food or gift cards to the St. Hugh Food Pantry, set out food for pickup on our porches and donate sneakers and other personal items when requested. We support efforts to consider

reparations for those treated unfairly since Greenbelt's founding and to reform police policy and orders. And we get vaccinated and wear face masks without complaining – well, mostly – to reduce our chances of catching the coronavirus or spreading it to others.

Next, we thank our readers who stick with us and support us when many newspapers are struggling, many have closed entirely, and when many people have turned to social media as their source of news. We know from your letters that you're not always happy with us, but we are

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## Juried Art and Craft Fair Both Virtual and In Person

by Anne Gardner

Greenbelt Recreation's annual juried Art and Craft Fair is taking place in a hybrid format this year. Online sales will be available from Friday, November 26 to Sunday, December 19 at [greenbeltnmd.gov/craft](http://greenbeltnmd.gov/craft). The traditional in-person event will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 4 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 5 in the Community Center and Youth Center.

The hybrid show promises an impressive array of handmade wares by more than 70 local artisans, as well as merchandise from the Greenbelt Museum and Old Greenbelt Theatre. Some vendors are online only, some are in person only and others will be both online and in person.

Shoppers will find beautiful and useful gifts for all occasions from both new and returning

artists, including a wide range of functional and decorative pottery, clothing, accessories, jewelry, toys, paintings, photography, wood crafts, seasonings, soaps,

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PHOTO BY GINA MAI DENN

Woodfire jar by Gina Mai Denn

## City Council Prepares to Vote On Proposed Police Reform

by Matthew Arbach

On Monday, November 15, the Greenbelt City Council produced a working list of police reforms to be voted upon at the November 22 council meeting. This list was based upon a concurrence of the following sources: Councilmember Colin Byrd's October 10 police reform proposal (itself derived from Byrd's Fair and Just Policing Act proposal from 2020), the May 5 Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) report on this proposal and responses to these proposals from Greenbelt Chief of Police Richard Bowers. Amendments to these proposals from Councilmember Judith Davis and remarks from PSAC's Stan Zirkin were also considered.

The majority of the proposals had full agreement between all parties, with a handful requiring further discussion. These proposals, once voted in, would be used to modify General Orders, which are the day-to-day policies of the Greenbelt Police Department.

Some of the major areas of this working list are: an improvement of language in General Orders regarding the priority of de-escalation tactics; retraining or reassigning officers who have used excessive force; protection of whistleblowers; limited use of no-knock warrants in accordance with 2021 state police legislation;

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### What Goes On

**Thursday, November 25**  
Thanksgiving. City Holiday.  
**Friday, November 26**  
City Holiday  
**Monday, November 29**  
8 p.m. City Council Worksession: Council Standing Rules  
**Wednesday, December 1**  
8 p.m. Worksession: Police Reform Procedures

All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at [greenbeltnmd.gov](http://greenbeltnmd.gov) for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.



From the Archives

Town Council Recognizes Thanksgiving in Greenbelt

The following resolution was adopted by the Town Council [in 1939] to inaugurate the Thanksgiving holiday period.

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has exhibited the wisdom of providing, within the Town of Greenbelt, Maryland, adequate housing facilities at rentals which make it possible for the tenants to develop themselves more fully along social and cultural lines, and has encouraged the tenants to carry the spirit of democracy into its local institutions, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenbelt has been provided with an opportunity, new in the annals of mankind, of becoming pioneers in a movement calculated to undergird political democracy by featuring the principles of economic Democracy as a new way of life, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Greenbelt have, wholeheartedly, accepted the challenge, and have laid the foundations, through their local institutions, for perpetuating the ideals of democracy, and of racial and religious tolerance, through cooperative effort; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Council of the Town of Greenbelt, on behalf of its citizens, expresses its gratitude to Almighty God for His manifold blessings, prays for the continuance of those benefits, and pledges itself to a furtherance of the ideals of brotherhood, neighborliness, and democracy, to the end that its example may provide the basis of a new hope and resolve on the part of others within our great nation to promote the general welfare and through cooperation, secure the blessings of true liberty, both for themselves and their posterity.

—Greenbelt Cooperator, November 23, 1939

Letters to the Editor

**Center Right or Left**

A previous letter writer (Frank DeBernardo, issue of November 18, page 12) attributed the former mayor losing votes this past election to his political style, his rhetoric and his leadership style on city council. His observation was only half correct. It was about both style and politics.

I helped several candidates with their campaign and had occasion to speak with folks when door hanging candidates’ flyers and sign holding at one of the polling locations. A few times we would chat some about the upcoming election. Some expressed that the former mayor was too radical, too progressive and pushing his own political agenda. Some said he was trying to force policies and programs onto Greenbelt that are best left at the federal or state of Maryland level. Others thought he was about self-promotion in order to run for higher office.

Public office holders fare best and are more constructive and successful when they legislate more toward the center of the political spectrum, or slightly left of center or right of center on issues; not far left or far right. The Greenbelt voters obviously felt a change was needed. A correction was made by the voters here in Greenbelt as it was in neighboring Virginia on November 2.

Robert Snyder

**Loose Screws**

Bill Norwood is a friend.

His loose screws are no more-so than mine, or than Council’s or than the reader’s. But in the instance of his letter in the November 11 paper, one of his is looser than is usual.

Since I was first permitted to be a candidate in 2011, I only had the resources to use the community candidate sign posts, a sort of elections message board, installed by Public Works, with a fee to the city, in 2011 of \$50, now \$75 in 2013 and 2015 and not in subsequent elections.

This “perennially unsuccessful” candidate was to go sign-less

again this year and for a month did so. I was a participant in an ad hoc effort to advocate for an affirmative answer to the referendum question, when it was asked why our issue advocacy could not find a place on the signposts? No precedent existed for such action. There was space available, the chance-determined space, unused, was mine and I volunteered it.

The signs and the fee for their posting was paid for by a Political Committee of D.S.A., an organization, or its predecessor, I have been a member for 50 years (though not-in-good-standing; I can’t remember when I last paid dues) and which organization has several Greenbelt members on our ad hoc committee.

Approval was unnecessary. Once the signs arrived, the elections administrator was informed and that the fee was forthcoming. Our sign did not advocate my candidacy; this candidate advocated the sign and its message. I nailed a few up myself.

The question passed by substantial margin (something that merits continued analysis) and I suggest to Bill, he and I would have other things to argue about.

A thought: residents might want to ask more of the Board of Elections than what Council asks of them.

Bill Orleans

**Election Results**

I welcome the joy of those pleased with the results of the election. I am not. The result is the result, certified at the November 8 Organization and Charter Meeting. [I certainly do not contest my position relative to other candidates; it was as I expected and as it always has been.]

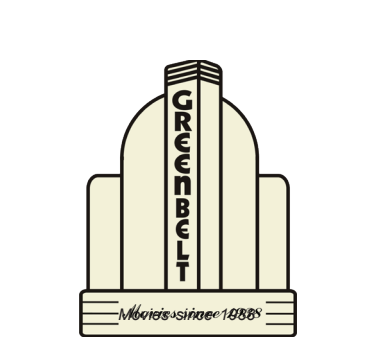
Life itself is a contradiction. I recall the timely response, in a beat, of an old Borscht Belt comedian to the question: What is the meaning of life? “You’re born, you suffer, you die.”

Given the tenor of our larger time, I don’t wish to associate with those who would suggest

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**Correction**

The obituary for Billy Dunn in the issue of November 18 should have noted that he had two granddaughters, Kayla Rae and Christina. This oversight has been corrected in the digital version on the News Review website.



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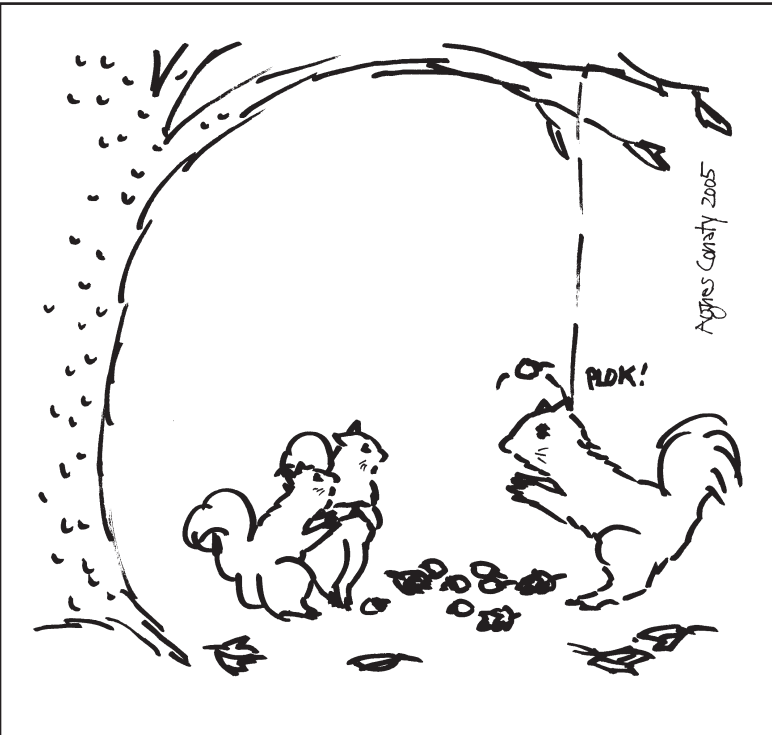
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SAT. 7:45 PM  
SUN. 5:00 PM  
MON. 2:00 PM



- News Review, November 24, 2005



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# Community Events

## Granite Building Open House, Dec. 5

On Sunday, December 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the newly renovated and re-opened office building at 115 Centerway, now called The Granite Building, will hold an open house for the community.

Coinciding with the Greenbelt Farmers Market Holiday Market, this event will be an opportunity for interested community members to visit the building, see the renovations and meet the many new tenants who are setting up their businesses in The Granite Building.

Granite Building tenants include Old Greenbelt Family Health, Be Smart Homes, The MakerSpace tool lending library and many others. A complete list of tenants and more information about the building can be found on the website, [thegranitebuilding.com](http://thegranitebuilding.com).



## Greenbelt Quilters In Show at Patuxent

Two Greenbelt quilters, Pat Scully and Ann Bauman, are among the Southern Comforters of Bowie currently exhibiting at the Patuxent Research Refuge Hollingsworth Gallery, located in the visitor center on Scarlet Tanager Loop.

The theme of the exhibit is Wildlife and Nature, with each quilter presenting her own interpretation, ranging from the four seasons, insects, butterflies, a sloth, ocean creatures and more. The exhibit runs through the end of the month. The visitor center is closed on Thanksgiving, but normal open hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays.

## Seeking Tales and Traditions

by Robert Goldberg-Strassler

Was there a special story your family told when you gathered together, perhaps it was “Latke Lily from Philly”? Share it with us. Are there some well-remembered customs, rituals or recipes passed down that you continue to this day, perhaps delivering sweets such as mango kaju katli for Diwali to a neighbor or a family member? Tell us about them.

Sunday, December 19 from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Connecting Across Greenbelt and RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) will co-host a Zoom get-together to share your unforgettable stories.

Everyone has a tale to tell. You can share it in any form you choose-ASL, dance, native language, song, spoken word. Children are encouraged to join in - either with a recollection or an expectation such as something they are particularly looking forward to. All are welcome to make new memories

## At the Library

The Greenbelt Library will be closed on Thursday, November 25. The Library will reopen on Friday, November 26 at 10 a.m. Normal library hours are Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

### Library at The SPACE

Suggested library programs for viewing on the laptops while visiting The SPACE are: Café a las cuatro, Kids Achieve Club, English Conversation Club and Craft-ernoons. Suggested services to access on Library laptops include: Mango Languages, Brainfuse JobNow, Brainfuse HelpNow which offers live tutoring to students, and Spanish-language resources for children such as Lectorum by Make Make. All resources are completely free with a library card, and The SPACE continues to offer free WiFi as part of a generous ongoing grant from an outside partner. In-person indoor programming will eventually be offered at The SPACE when Covid-19 conditions permit. Future programs will include monthly bilingual storytimes, STEM programs for kids and wellness programs for families.

### Library Services

The Library offers unlimited browsing, computers for extendable one-hour sessions with no appointment needed, printing/scanning self-service, self-check-out, staff assistance at the circulation and information desks, book drop for returning items, free study rooms (five small, one group) available for two-hour sessions per day and meeting room reservations for a fee.

The Library also has passport services, on an appointment basis. Applicants must schedule a 30-minute appointment by calling 240-455-5451 or visiting [pgmls.info/passport-services](mailto:pgmls.info/passport-services).

## Donate for the Girls Through Nov. 30

The Greenbelt Alliance for Reproductive Freedom (GARF), a city recognition group, continues its bra and menstrual product donation drive through Tuesday, November 30. Drop off new or clean, gently used bras of any size or type and new sealed menstrual products in the collection bins at the Co-op Supermarket, the New Deal Café, Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center and the Youth Center throughout November. Beneficiary organizations include the nonprofits Shepherd’s Cove Emergency Shelter for Women and Children in Capitol Heights and I Support the Girls, which coordinates the direct delivery of supplies on an as-needed basis to organizations serving women and girls. For more information, email [greenbeltarf@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltarf@gmail.com). Those who prefer to make a monetary donation can do so through I Support the Girls at [bit.ly/ISTGxGreenbeltARF](http://bit.ly/ISTGxGreenbeltARF).

## Porch Greenbelt Food Collection Schedule

Porch Greenbelt Food Collection is continuing its successful program to collect food in the month of November. Leave items out 9 and 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 27 for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill.

As a reminder, place donations in a box or bag labelled PORCH or RUAK on the front porch or other location that can be seen from the road. Also, make sure to check the expiration dates on food items.

Welcome to volunteers who would expand Porch Greenbelt to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt. Anyone with questions or an interest in becoming a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection may contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com).

## Blood Drive December 10

As a result of low blood donor turnout in recent months, the Red Cross is heading into the holidays with its lowest blood supply in more than a decade at this time of year. Locally, the National Capital Greater Chesapeake Red Cross Region has experienced over a 40 percent decrease in new blood donors this year.

The American Red Cross announced there will be a blood drive on Friday, December 10 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. hosted by Greenbelt Recreation at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

## City Offers Rent, Utility Assistance

Through CARES, those who live within the city limits of Greenbelt are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 per household from the American Rescue Plan Act federal funds for emergency rental assistance. Applicants must show financial hardship due to Covid-19. Previous recipients of rental or utility assistance funds can apply but the previous balances count toward the total grant award allowed.

Email [Cares@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:Cares@greenbeltmd.gov) or call 301-345-6660 to receive an application.

## Bicycle Repair Station Up, Running at GHI

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) outdoor bicycle repair station is up and ready to use. It includes tools for basic repairs and maintenance as well as a tire pump to keep that PSI up.

The station is located adjacent to the GHI maintenance building near the flagpole on Hamilton Place. This service is provided courtesy of the GHI Board and the GHI Bicycle Committee.

## Meetings That Work For Everyone, # 2

In the first of four sessions, sighted and unsighted participants explored ways to hold meetings that meet the needs of everyone. Here’s a recording of the session: [tinyurl.com/CDCGsession1](http://tinyurl.com/CDCGsession1).

Join Aileen Kroll, John Buck, Denna Lambert, Rev. Ray Raysor (and neighbors and friends) in being part of the change.

This process continues on Tuesday, November 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. on Zoom, [us02web.zoom.us/j/7323013592](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7323013592), or by phone, 415-762-9988. When prompted, enter Meeting ID 7323013592# followed by # again.

For anyone having trouble joining the meeting, call John at 410-245-8654.

Everyone is welcome, those from the first session and those joining for the first time.

Based on participant feedback, immediate changes were implemented. The next step is to create a “universal design,” an organizational blueprint.

## County Has Rent Help

Prince George’s County is offering rent relief because of Covid-19. The county’s 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program will help eligible applicants with payment assistance for rent and utilities. Landlords may also apply on behalf of their tenants. Applications will be accepted until funds are out. To apply and for more information visit [hcd.mypgc.us](http://hcd.mypgc.us) and click on “Emergency Rental Assistance Program.”

## Covid-19 Clinic

In conjunction with the County Health Department, the Greenbelt Library will host Covid-19 vaccination clinics, offering Pfizer vaccines for residents age 5 and up, including booster doses for eligible adults. Vaccinations will be available on a first-come, first-served basis with no appointments required. The first-dose clinic will be held on Saturday, November 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The second-dose clinic will be on Saturday, December 18, also from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 240-455-5451 or email [askalibrarian@pgcmls.info](mailto:askalibrarian@pgcmls.info) with questions.

## Give or Get Hats, Gloves and Scarves

Realty 1 is collecting and distributing hats, gloves and scarves. Anyone can give to or receive from Working Together to Keep Greenbelt Warm. Contact Linda Ivy at 301-675-0585 to donate or receive warm hats, gloves or scarves.

## Donate Sneakers For People in Need

The Board of Congregational Life at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers. This sneaker recycling program helps to keep sneakers out of landfills, where they have harmful effects on the environment. They will send the sneakers to countries where the poor often go barefoot out of necessity. For more information about GotSneakers, go to their website at [GotSneakers.com](http://GotSneakers.com).

A donation box is located outside the Fellowship Center (the small building behind the church) for people to drop off sneakers at any time. GotSneakers will pay GCC a varying amount for name-brand and off-brand laced-up sneakers with no tears inside or outside. The company even pays for cleaning and shipping – all GCC does is collect sneakers.



## Greenbelt Access Television Nov 25, Fri – Dec 1, Thu

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7am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Local Community Programming
8am	Democracy Now!	Yesterday's Syndicated Program
9am	GATe Classic Film • 1952	The Snows of Kilimanjaro
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Local Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl	Greenbelt v MLK Jr Middle
2pm	Music at the New Deal	Four Shillings Short • Celtic Folk
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that elections are theft. (“Property is theft”; Winning, maybe is theft; Elections are not.)

Elections are a process, not just every six years, or four or two (or as I would prefer in Greenbelt – every year), but a process to be engaged in daily and all day at that. Process is practice. “All politics is (more than) local”; it is personal.

Most discourse, all intercourse, every interaction is political, preferential, if not necessarily partisan. Assessments of situation are made consciously or un-so, all our sentient life. We should assess a situation, ourselves and one another with confidence, but not with certainty. Maybe our assumption of the validity of our position belies a truth of which we are ignorant.

One truth is that our election was a sloppy process. Electec, the vendor selected (without an open competitive bid process) to conduct the election, used machines incapable of transparency. Early voting opportunity in East and West was significantly less than Central Greenbelt, raising the question of it rising to disparate impact. Recruitment and training of temporary election staff was insufficient.

We can do better: paper ballots throughout, early and equitably distributed East, West, Central, and Election Day, all hand counted.

Bill Orleans

## Racist Descriptions

The “suspect” descriptions in the November 18 Police Blotter are racist. “Four Black juvenile males wearing all black” is not a description. It’s so incredibly vague that it only criminalizes any Black boy in black clothing who’s hanging out with friends. An actual description of a person would be, an elderly, overweight white woman with glasses, a pixie haircut and a slight limp wearing all-black. But even that is too vague if it generally describes someone that you know and care about. Do better. If the police department is providing these empty descriptions, it’s your job as journalists to push for more information, acknowledge and investigate the problem of these descriptions for your readers, or, as hundreds of newsrooms have done, stop relying solely on race to describe people.

Erica Mysliwiec

Editor’s Note: Thanks. You are right. Neither our police depart-

ment, nor the News Review uses Black unless it is part of a substantial description.

## GHI Ignores Own Rule On Neighbor Approval

On November 18, the GHI Board voted unanimously to allow an exception to a GHI “Greenbook” rule requiring the consent of adjacent neighbors before any addition to a GHI home can be approved; two neighbors had not consented. Days earlier, the Prince George’s County Council had approved a Neighborhood Conservation Overlay (NCO) for Greenbelt that GHI spent years helping draft in order to preserve the forest, green space and architecture of this historic planned community. By covering over the home’s original decorative brick, the approved addition will not comply with the NCO’s goal that pre-1949 homes “shall retain their character-defining features to the maximum extent practicable.”

That our cooperative, in its first permitting issue after the passage of zoning protections we practically begged for, would violate the spirit of those protections is not even the worst of it. The GHI Board violated its own regulation by claiming it was “ambiguous.” It is not. It defines “Adjacent Neighbors” as “Units in the line of sight of an improvement,” then states, “The following table outlines the type of neighbor consent required.” In the table, next to the word “Additions,” appears the word “Adjacent.”

This Greenbook rule allows members to decide that, having bought their units within a neighborhood context, they do not wish to see it undone by a mix of materials and bulging two-story additions. Adjacent neighbors

became vested in that context by putting down their own hard-earned money. GHI told them it would honor that if they chose to defend it.

The excuse offered for ignoring this right was that during GHI’s self-administered approval process, the applying member may have spent too much money before it became clear not all adjacent neighbors consented – never mind that the application form requires neighbor consent. In the board’s 2020 statement on the NCO, elected officials were assured they could rely on GHI’s “sound judgment” and a “time-tested” approval process for additions, and that “the rules and procedures that GHI already has in place guarantee that other interests, such as preserving green space, air and light, are also considered in the design of alterations.”

What the GHI Board showed us last week is that, on this issue, it cannot be trusted; that its written regulations are subservient to a poorly administered approval process; and that, to quote a GHI member who offered comments, “Majority rules!” – even when majority-approved written rules say otherwise. Disrespect for democratically approved rules and minority rights (also known as the rule of law) has also coarsened our national discourse. I felt like I was somewhere else when I heard it happening in Greenbelt.

Paul Kapfer  
Member, GHI Zoning Task Force



PHOTO BY ROSANNE DOUGLAS

Persephone Douglas, age 7, declares she is the “Statue of Leaf-erty” while holding a large magnolia leaf at the Lake.



Congratulations to Altoria Ross, of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., who won the 2021 Author of the Year Award from the National Association of Housing Cooperatives. The award is given to an individual in recognition of contributions to NAHC publications.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).



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This week marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá, son of Bahá’u’lláh the Founder of the Bahá’í Faith. The film “Exemplar” follows the life of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá and the profound effect He had on people both past and present. Please view the film at [www.bahai.org/exemplar/](http://www.bahai.org/exemplar/)

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November 28 10 a.m.

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[Ann Kadlec](#) with Worship Associate Diana McFadden

As we move into this holiday season, we come to the first Sunday of Advent. It’s a time of intentional, active waiting – but, for what? And how? In this service, let’s explore Advent for today’s Unitarian Universalists.

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City Notes

Public Works painted the Public Works auto shop floor, hung Utopia Film Festival banners, installed a drug drop-off box at the Police Station and operated the bucket truck for exterior painting at Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Horticulture/Parks vacuumed leaf piles and, at Greenwood Village, installed an engineered wood fiber playground surface.

Refuse/Recycling collected 26.59 tons of refuse and 10.71 tons of recyclables.

Sustainability/Environmental hosted the Pollinator Circle and coordinated a volunteer cleanup program.

The Animal Shelter hosts three dogs, eight cats and a kitten.

The Aquatic & Fitness Center began collecting Toys for Tots.

A new exhibit was installed at the Community Center Art Gallery and Artful Afternoon participants created upcycled ornaments.

At Schrom Hills Park, Park rangers facilitated two CHEARS events.

Old Greenbelt Theatre donated 3,000 cloth masks for the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) and Recreation program use. Therapeutic Recreation delivered meals to 20 seniors, CARES distributed food boxes and GAIL distributed produce and diapers.

Winter Session Rec Activity Guide

Greenbelt Recreation has published its 2022 Winter Activity Guide. View the guide by going to [greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](https://greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) and clicking on Recreation Classes. The guide includes information about the winter session classes offered by Greenbelt Recreation, along with a variety of free activities including art activities and gallery shows, Black History Month events and the annual Winter Lights Festival.

Resident registration begins on Monday, November 29.

Local Bands Play At Art and Craft Fair

Come to the Greenbelt Juried Art and Craft Fair on Saturday, December 4 and Sunday, December 5. See local artists and artisans display their wares and listen to local musicians perform. The Fair will take place in the Greenbelt Community Center and Greenbelt Youth Center, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

On Saturday, December 4, enjoy musical performances by Transatlantic Crossing (fiddle tunes) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Youth Center gym, and Hot Club of DC (gypsy jazz) from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Community Center gym. On Sunday, hear Celtic Harp from 11 a.m. to noon in the Community Center gym, and Seth Kibel and the Keztet (klezmer) from noon to 2 p.m. in the Youth Center gym.



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 29–DECEMBER 3

Monday, November 29 at 8:00pm, **WORK SESSION - COUNCIL STANDING RULES**, Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at [greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](https://greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Tuesday, November 30 at 3:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, On the Agenda: Introduction of Guests, Approval of Agenda - November 30, 2021, Approval of Minutes - October 26, 2021, Old Business: Recruiting New Members; Topics for 2022 Not for Seniors Only Event, New Business: GAIL Updates; Recreation Updates, Announcements

Tuesday, November 30 at 7:00pm, **CENTER FOR DYNAMIC COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE HOSTS LEARNING SESSIONS**, On the Agenda: Zoom information can be found at [greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](https://greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Wednesday, December 1 at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes of November 3, 2021, Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update, New Business

Thursday, December 2 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD**, On the Agenda: Approve Minutes of October 28, 2021, Maglev Update, Science Fund Application Review, Debarking of Ailanthus (Tree of Heaven) to Prevent Spotted Lanternfly: Tasks Performed by Volunteers; Report to City Council Requesting Permission, Master Trail Plan: IV Current Problems; V. North Woods, Schedule Next Meeting for January 27, Closing Round

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov). This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](https://greenbeltmd.gov).

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

For more information call 301-474-8000

WINTER 2022 ACTIVITY GUIDE

Now Available Online

Registration -

Residents:  
Monday, November 29

Non-Residents:  
Monday, December 6

Classes begin the week of January 3, 2022

For more details, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](https://greenbeltmd.gov/recreation)

GREENBELT JURIED ART AND CRAFT FAIR

Shop online:  
November 26–December 19

Shop in person:  
Saturday, December 4: 10:00am–5:00pm  
Sunday, December 5: 10:00am–4:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center and Youth Center

Live music both days

Visit [greenbeltmd.gov/craft](https://greenbeltmd.gov/craft), launching November 26

Sign up to volunteer at <https://bit.ly/3bx9E8v>



2021 GOBBLE WOBBLE

Thursday, November 25  
9:00am  
Greenbelt Youth Center

Join us for the Gobble Wobble Family Fun Run & Walk, a Thanksgiving morning community tradition. Participants meet at the Greenbelt Youth Center and the course takes them on the Buddy Attick Park lake path. Get some exercise before your Thanksgiving feast!

No race day registration. Pre-registration required. Participants receive a Gobble Wobble shirt. Medals for top male & female finishers and youth participants.

Individual: \$20; Family 4-Pack: \$70

Race Packet Pick-Up:  
Wednesday, November 24, 9:00am–8:00pm at Youth Center

To register, visit <https://bit.ly/31xiBge>

Questions? Call 301-397-2200

Weather & information hotline: 301-474-0646



DECEMBER FREE HOLIDAY FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION

Monday, December 20  
1:00pm–4:00pm  
Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Greenbelt, MD

Registration due Monday, December 6, 5:00pm  
Register at <https://forms.gle/mbVfWZXbX9yvP1Kc6> or call 240-542-2033

GREENBELT NURSERY PROJECT

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Registration due Monday, December 27

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DECEMBER FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

Thursday, December 16  
1:00pm–3:00pm  
Greenbelt Community Center





# Composting Day Workers: Scraps Soon Ready to Go

by Amy Hansen

Something is rotting in Greenbelt and getting it that way is a lot of good work. On Saturday, November 20, a dozen members of the New Deal Wiggles, a composting volunteer group, weighed and recorded about 700 pounds of produce scraps from the Co-op Supermarket. They separated some of the liquid from the solids, chopped everything, toted buckets full of the sloppy slurry, then layered dried leaves and slurry into the bins near the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

Now, the compost can rest, rot and heat up, getting ready for the next stage: the worms, or red wigglers, that will further digest everything and turn it into nutrient-rich, healthy soil.

The group sells some of the compost at the Farmers Market on Sundays and gives some to gardening groups, including the Three Sisters Gardens and Public Works.

The compost does wonders for the gardens, according to the Wiggles' flyer that they give out at the Farmers Market, but the other reason for the work is the environmental impact. It turns out that rotting is not all the same. In the compost, with the worms and plenty of air, the vegetable scraps and leaves produce carbon dioxide. In the landfill, the same scraps and leaves are closed in. There's no air. When they rot, they produce methane, which is 25 times better at holding in the heat and therefore 25 times worse for the environment than carbon dioxide, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

All of which makes the rotten work of the food scraps, leaves and worms all the more attractive, even though the work sometimes smells and uses a lot of muscles. The results are healthy plants and a healthier planet.



Michael Travis, left, prepares the compost slurry with the assistance of Sarah Schutz and Stephanie O'Brien.



Hally Aheam and Chase Schutz tote the buckets filled with produce waste while John Klinovsky moves brown matter (chopped leaves) into the compost bin.

- Photos by Amy Hansen

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books by local authors and more. New vendors at the fair this year include Nora Echeverria of Hats and Spats with steampunk accessories and fascinators, and Greenbelter Lucy Dirksen with copper and silver jewelry. Many vendors participating in the online show are taking advantage of the package concierge service; customers can order on-

line and then pick up their purchases at the Community Center to avoid shipping charges and be sure of receiving their items before the holidays. For additional arts program information, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts), follow Greenbelt Recreation ARTS on Facebook or call 301-397-2208.



Silver bracelets by Lucy Dirksen



Paris tote by Sharon Elstein



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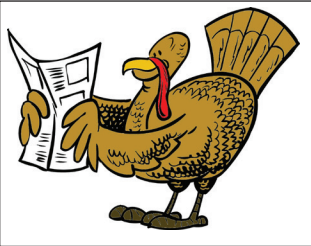
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# Eating Healthy Foods Leads To Healthier Bodies, Earth

by Geraldine Adams

There is a lot of talk about the importance of eating healthy foods, but how can one translate that into meals that are easy to make and taste good? About a dozen masked participants, young and older, gathered in Greenbelt on Saturday, November 13, to explore that question. Schrom Hills Clubhouse was open and the perfect setting for a Food for Life nutrition and cooking class on a chilly afternoon. The class was sponsored by the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS). Food for Life is a program developed by The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM).

After introductions, the group watched a video presentation by researcher Dr. Neal Barnard, president of PCRM, with powerful nutrition information followed by cooking demonstrations by Food for Life instructor Geraldine Adams. Foods to Fight Diabetes was the topic for this class. While everyone can benefit from a healthier diet, a plant-based or vegan diet can be one of the most effective treatments to reverse, treat or prevent diabetes. The participants picked up nutrition information and cooking tips as Adams demonstrated how to prepare Good Enough for Guests Green Salad, Zesty Corn Edamame Salad and Cuban Lime Rice.

The class was informal, which gave participants an opportunity to meet and chat. Several of the attendees shared that they were already eating a vegetarian diet but were looking for new ideas and additional support. Adams encouraged the audience to check out a great resource called the 21 Day Vegan Kickstart, a free app from PCRM which helps individuals to get on track with recipes, cooking videos and menus.

Perhaps the favorite part of the class was “tasting time” when everyone enjoyed a sample plate of all three recipes. Participants gave positive reviews of the dishes which were completely free of any animal products, contained no added oils and were delicious. A few hungry participants were even up for seconds. Maggie Cahalan, president and co-founder of CHEARS, reminded the audience that plant-based eating is not only good for our individual health but, collectively, the more we move away from meat-based diets, the healthier it is for our planet.

Award-winning Food for Life classes are offered in community settings around the U.S. and internationally. Thanks to community members and friends who provided support for this two-class series, including Cahalan, Joe Robbins, Jenise Williamson, Tom Adams and Esnire Obhrai of Rockville. More information can be found at [pcrm.org](http://pcrm.org).



Food for Life instructor Geraldine Adams gives a cooking demonstration at the Food for Life class.

- Photos by Joe Robbins

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a mandate for officers to identify themselves when “forcibly entering a premise”; a report on data from 2017 to 2019 on the race and gender of juveniles charged; allowance of lawful recording of police incidents by civilians; proper review and documentation of all complaints; discipline, including termination, for all officers who fail to use or who turn off their body cameras; require hiring a recruiting consultant to increase diversity in the department; ensure that, for all traffic stops, the complete information on either paying the fine or contesting in court be provided, with Spanish translation made available; and a General Order emphasizing a “protect and serve” rather than a “law and order” mindset.

No-knock Warrants

The use and necessity of no-knock warrants was debated. Bowers informed council that the department cannot perform them, this being the purview of the county and state, but can refuse to participate if a no-knock warrant violates procedure. However, they cannot prevent it from occurring. Bowers stated that the no-knock warrant, which now requires several levels of approval, should be used only if absolutely necessary, but should continue to be available if the situation requires it. Councilmember Rodney Roberts felt they should be banned completely, as there are more effective and safer strategies. Most of council felt that they should be used only in extreme cases, to prevent loss of life or the covering up of evidence.

Body Cam Issues

An important issue requiring future review was the length of time for the release of body camera footage. In the past, a number of suggestions have been made, from 30 to three days. In discussion, 14 days emerged as a reasonable deadline, as it would allow the necessary redaction of private, unrelated content. Bowers said that in the case of a serious incident, such as use of force or a fatality, a quicker release time is feasible. He cautioned though that the release of footage in this case may be reliant on the investigative needs of the county or state legal apparatus.

Currently, officers must verify camera functioning prior to service and notify a supervisor for a replacement if needed. Bowers had not heard of an incident in the department where an officer deliberately turned off a camera.

Personal Data

Byrd’s proposal and Davis’ amendment for the personal data collection on all stop-and-frisks based on suspicion be tabled, as the department does not have the current capacity to provide this. Bowers said that he is exploring this capability.

# The Bus

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Bowers explained some of the legal avenues for police in detaining a civilian, including the terry stop, which is solely a weapons search for someone if there is a suspicion that can be articulated and the consensual pat-down requiring agreement from a civilian. If there is no reason to detain someone, personal information cannot be gathered by state law. This contrasts with a traffic stop which is a legal detention, requiring personal information.

Currently a citation includes information for payment or legal recourse, but council would like to explore if additional notification, like a separate card, is called for.

Staffing

Council, PSAC and Bowers were all in agreement on the need for more diversity in personnel, but first and foremost wanted the most qualified candidates, a sentiment echoed by several members of the public. Bowers explained that the applicant pool is lower than desired to fill needed vacancies, but added that recent hires have improved the department’s demographic standing.

Retention of current staff is a priority, with an assessment of the department’s salary level and benefits needing scrutiny.

Still Needed

Some of the other areas that will receive further discussion before a vote are the ban on detaining someone who is not suspected of a specific crime and interview procedures for juveniles.

Greenbelt is awaiting guidance resulting from the recent state police reform legislation that will lead to new policies and training. Yet, Mayor Emmett Jordan was eager to take action on some “concrete and tangible” efforts in the meantime.

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feature will slow down rainwater and guide it off the trail toward a natural drainage area. After both tasks were completed, the volunteers then removed some invasive plants along the trail and at the trail head to improve access.

After a morning of hard work, the volunteers cleaned up the worksite and enjoyed a good stretch before leaving to enjoy the remainder of their Saturday. The work completed will improve trail conditions and make for a safer and more sustainable trail system.

The City of Greenbelt and the Department of Public Works thank all of the volunteers who dedicated their time to this project and contributed to the improvement of shared natural resources. For more information about the Trail Maintenance Program or about volunteering with the City of Greenbelt, contact Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll at [kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov).



Volunteer David Eubanks takes a quick break.



Volunteers Nicole Shyong, left, and Lori Dominick work together using a peavey to move a log.

- Photos by Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll

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From our Family to Yours  
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A festive Thanksgiving graphic featuring a large orange pumpkin, a turkey, and autumn leaves. The text "Happy Thanksgiving" is written in a cursive font.

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# Happy Thanksgiving from Councilmember Colin Byrd

A portrait of Councilmember Colin Byrd, a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie.

## Enjoy the food, family, and football

**12:30pm**  
**Bears at Lions on Fox (5)**

**4:30pm**  
**Raiders at Cowboys on CBS (9)**

**8:20pm**  
**Bills at Saints on NBC (4)**

But, on this day, also remember that, as President John F. Kennedy once said, “We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.”

Authority: Colin Byrd for Greenbelt  
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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

**Assaults**  
Two assaults were recorded, one on November 14 at 12:17 in the 20 Court of Southway and one on the 6300 block of Breezewood Drive.

**Break Ins and Robberies**  
One break in was reported in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace and a robbery in the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway.

**Thefts**  
Thefts were reported in numerous locations and throughout the week, a total of 10 altogether. There was also a shoplifting offense in the 7500 block of Greenbelt Road.

**Vehicle-related Crime**  
City-wide, there were six thefts from autos and one vehicle was stolen from the 7800 block of Mandan Road.

Vandalism occurred in eight city locations throughout the week, half in the core area of the city and the remainder in the western section.

**Significant Events**  
November 13, 6:08 p.m. A FedEx driver was involved in a physical altercation with a youth. First degree assault charges were filed against the driver.

November 18, 10:25 p.m. Officers responded to the report of an armed robbery. The person who was robbed stated that three men robbed him at gunpoint and

took his personal property. Anyone having information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200 or [greenbeltpd@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:greenbeltpd@greenbeltnmd.gov).

November 20, 4:02 p.m. Officers responded to a report of an armed robbery in the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive. A juvenile male was robbed by seven juvenile males, two of whom were armed with handguns. Officers were able to take three of them into custody. Anyone having information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200 or [greenbeltpd@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:greenbeltpd@greenbeltnmd.gov).

**Shooting Reported**  
On November 22 at approximately 9:02 p.m. a shooting was reported in the 100 block of Rosewood Drive. A residence was struck multiple times, but no injuries were reported.

Greenbelt Police Department requests nearby residents to check their camera systems to see if any activity was detected around that time.

If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200 or [greenbeltpd@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:greenbeltpd@greenbeltnmd.gov).

# Greenbelt Police Department Gets a Fiesta and Cajun Dinner



From left, Rob Snyder, Officer Abbey Kipke, Officer Gerald Potts and Claudia Jones pose with the Cajun dinner for the Greenbelt Police Department.

A home-cooked meal of Cajun red beans and rice, chicken enchiladas, cornbread, salad and cupcakes sprinkled with love, thanks and appreciation was served to our town's finest police force. Chefs Claudia and Kathy had a helping hand from Chef Smokin' & Grillin' with AB to whip up a tasty and smokin' feast.

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Sports

2021 Roosevelt Girls Soccer Year Bright Start (9-4-1), Untimely End

by Patrick Gleason

Heavy rainfall on Friday, October 29 delayed the Eleanor Roosevelt High School girls soccer teams' home playoff game against the Charles Herbert Flowers Jaguars. And then two first-half goals from Flowers the following morning unexpectedly ended the Raiders' season. Just as in their regular season match-up, the Jaguars struck first, this time on a breakaway from senior forward Madinah Keiller. Roosevelt responded about 10 minutes later when junior Julia Beckmann found the back of the net; however, not long after, Keiller earned a penalty kick after corraling a long pass from midfielder Trinity Bissahoyo. The Jaguars converted the opportunity and shifted to a defensive formation that the Raiders challenged for the remainder of the game, but to no avail.

The loss ended the Raiders' pursuit of a region championship, which would have earned a rematch with the Bowie Bulldogs, the only other county team to beat Roosevelt in the season. The Raiders ended their season with a 9-4-1 record, scoring 52 goals and conceding nine. Defeating the Bullis School on October 21 highlighted a season that posed many challenges after missing the 2020 season due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Goodbyes

The Raiders say goodbye to seven seniors – Man Lun, Ameen Khan, Isabela Martins, Sophie Swart, Genesis Richards, Briana Aguilar Reyes and Morelle Meegane Konchou – including their leading goal scorer in Swart, who tallied 12 goals and seven assists this season. Junior Mia Hamilton, who started at fullback much of the season, will look to replace Martins, a starter in goal since her sophomore season, while juniors Julia Beckmann, six goals and eight assists, and Ariana Phillips, four goals and two assists, will compensate for Swart's offensive firepower next year. But most importantly, the Raiders will return much of their defense and their central midfield core of Kaia Booker, Sadie Swart and Jada Savage. Booker is a sophomore, while Swart and Savage are freshmen; Savage was the second leading scorer and the trio combined only missed three starts this year. Sophomore Victoria Obisesan and junior Grace Zack will return on the backline along with junior Sarai DeSouza, who could also provide an offensive threat for the Raiders next season.

Ready to Reload

With a junior varsity team



Freshman Gabriella Martinez is part of a strong group of underclassmen set to rejuvenate the Raiders next season.

- Photos by Bill Swart



Roosevelt senior striker Sophie Swart led the team in goals and her passionate play all season.

who ended with an 8-2-1 record, infused by a 13-member freshman class, the Raiders are surely ready to reload for the fall 2022 season. Freshmen Gabriella Martinez and Alena Beckmann moved to the varsity squad at the conclusion of the JV season, and there is a plethora of talented underclassmen ready to vie for the next varsity squad. Until then, the Raiders will use this season's unexpected ending as motivation for the future.

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# Two Greenbelt Writers Get Inspired by Guilford Woods

by Elisabeth Herschbach



Melissa Sites and Ian Blackwell Rogers lead an improvisational storytelling workshop in Guilford Woods.

When Melissa Sites first heard about Guilford Woods in late September, the Greenbelt resident and executive director of the College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE), didn't just decide to check it out for herself. She also decided to make an event out of it.

Sites learned that the roughly 15-acre remnant forest on the southern edge of the University of Maryland's College Park campus was threatened by a controversial UMD development plan that would clear-cut a large portion of the publicly owned woodland to build private townhomes and graduate student housing. So Sites partnered with the Coalition to Save Guilford Woods, a community group working to preserve the environmentally sensitive site, to organize a creative writing nature walk there in early October.

Co-sponsored by CPAE, the event combined a tour of Guilford Woods with a writing workshop led by Sites, who holds both an MFA in creative writing and a PhD in English literature from the University of Maryland.

That visit turned out to be inspirational. Enchanted by the shady refuge, Sites rushed home to pen a 10-stanza paean to Guilford Woods and the wildlife that make their home there.

Sites' poem – In Guilford Woods – was recently awarded first place in the writing category of a contest organized by the Coalition to Save Guilford Woods to raise awareness about the endangered ecosystem, which contains the headwaters of Guilford Run, a stream feeding into the Anacostia River.

"In its loving accumulation of details and questions, this poem invites us into Guilford Woods' canopied atmosphere, and to imagine the tolling weight of its loss," says poet Jessica Garratt, who along with acclaimed novelist Mary Amato was a judge for the writing portion of the Celebrate Guilford Woods contest.

Another Greenbelt-based writer, Amy Hansen, won second place for her essay, The Irony of Planned Growth in Guilford Woods. "I had seen signs about Guilford Woods around College Park," Hansen says, describing



PHOTO BY IAN BLACKWELL ROGERS

Melissa Sites displays her award earned in the Celebrate Guilford Woods contest.

Amy Hansen poses with her award.



PHOTO COURTESY AMY HANSEN

how she first discovered the spot. "As my husband was reading the paper one Saturday morning, I decided to propose a walk in these new-to-us woods. Before I proposed the walk, he read out loud a Washington Post article outlining the threats and the planned housing expansion. It seemed that everything was pointing at Guilford Woods that day, so we put the dog in the car and went to breathe the forest air."

Both Sites' poem and Hansen's essay are now featured in a virtual exhibition showcasing the work of local artists, photographers and writers. On display until the end of the year, the virtual exhibition aims to spotlight the importance of preserving urban forests like Guilford Woods.

For now, Guilford Woods has earned a temporary reprieve. Faced with a growing backlash from UMD students, faculty, local residents, environmental groups and elected officials, University of Maryland President Darryll Pines announced on October 28 that the university will pause the unpopular development plan – dubbed the Western Gateway Project – while studying its environmental impacts.

Yet local advocates say the fight for environmental steward-

ship is not over. Without a policy in place ensuring its permanent preservation, Guilford Woods remains vulnerable to future deforestation and so members of the Coalition to Save Guilford Woods are continuing their efforts to protect the wooded parcel.

As for Sites, she's become so fond of Guilford Woods that she's already held several more CPAE events there, including a plein air painting workshop led by artist Racquel Keller and a Halloween-themed improvisational storytelling event that Sites co-taught with her husband, Ian Blackwell Rogers, a professional actor specializing in classical stage acting who recently portrayed Edgar Allan Poe at the Greenbelt Farmers Market. CPAE plans to bring Keller back to Guilford Woods again on December 19 for another outdoor painting event.

"I'm so glad I took the time to visit Guilford Woods and learn more about it," Sites says. "It's so peaceful and pleasant to walk in the woods beside Guilford Run and listen to the wind and the birds and see the sunlight through the trees."

View the Celebrate Guilford Woods exhibition online at [sites.google.com/view/guilford-woods/events-meetings/virtual-art-show](https://sites.google.com/view/guilford-woods/events-meetings/virtual-art-show).

# Thanksgiving Made Simple Or, Have It Your Own Way

by Turk E. Orbust

Families make their own accommodations to Thanksgiving and strategies change over the years. The newly married alternate their parent's celebrations and continue to do so when they have children – taking the grandchildren to first one side of the family, and then the other. This is very civilized behavior.

**Complications**

In modern society, divorces and new family groupings complicate the question. If a nuclear family goes through its own divorce and remarriage and all the original in-laws have also divorced and remarried, it is entirely possible for a child to have about 16 sets of grandparents by birth or marriage (but who's counting). Theoretically at least, a child could be in high school before having spent Thanksgiving with all their grandparents by marriage.

**Meals on Meals**

The Orbust family is not quite that complicated – but it has its moments. After a daughter and her husband and children arrived for a Thanksgiving dinner (held a little later in the day) having just eaten a substantial feast at an earlier-bird grandparents' house, the line had to be drawn. Nobody wants to be faced with two turkey dinners only three hours apart. And much worse, nobody wants to have to cook the second one and find nobody wants to eat it.

**Diplomatic Strategy**

The result was the No-Compete Thanksgiving (NCT). The NCT takes place on a weekend before the official Thanksgiving. All of the kid generation come as they benefit by being spared the tough decision of choosing whose dinner to attend, a game they can never win. The parents benefit because they have everybody altogether at once – a conjunction that would only happen about once every six years, statistically speaking. There's no turkey – instead the menu has people's favorite foods, though the traditional pies are always produced. There's been lobster,

shrimp, ribs, lasagna and all sorts of other things – even hot dogs and burgers.

**Activities**

The family also plays games or makes crafts at the NCT. One inventive (and combative) daughter made marshmallow guns constructed from plastic water piping which work like blow-pipes. A short blow into the mouthpiece and they fire mini-marshmallows at quite a clip and with admirable accuracy. With an accurate puffer, a spatially adept kid can eat them right out of the air. The guns are banned indoors due to marshmallow escapees lurking beneath or within furniture for months, though the ban is relatively ineffective because they still get tracked in. But it is a small price to pay for so much glee.

**The Day Itself**

On the real Thanksgiving, the parental generation gets together with friends who have no local family. Sometimes there's turkey and sometimes not. There are usually about six participants and it is extremely peaceful. It lacks the spills and thrills of the NCT but enjoys the benefit of civilized discourse.

**Author's Note:**

This year's event has now taken place. A small group of stalwarts successfully marshmallowed off a group of marauders attacking from the eastern woods. The table tennis tournament was denounced as unfair when player/referee Grandson Mike was challenged by Granddaughter Margaret as to whether he could legally catch the ball in the air and then hit it back at his leisure. Two lasagnas, many ribs, a big piece of salmon, the shrimp, the devilled eggs (a perennial favorite) and multiple pies all disappeared rapidly and eight teenagers, 11 adults and a baby had a fun time.



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Japanese maple leaves fall on a car.